

LOOP 202 BRIDGE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION

Bridge construction on the Loop 202 [Red Mountain Freeway] overpasses at Washington Street and Mill Avenue began Monday, July 7. The contractor is currently in the process of staging construction work zones and construction activities will be increasing throughout the course of the project. The following restrictions are effective now, and continue throughout the project:

- >> Phoenix: Washington Street is narrowed to one lane both east and westbound at the Loop 202 overpass.
- >> Tempe: Eastbound traffic on Lakeview Drive will be detoured to Mill Avenue. For complete access to Lakeview Drive, please use eastern access.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project is in conjunction with the future Loop 202 widening from State Route 51 [Piestewa Freeway] to Loop 101 [Pima Freeway] and is a voter-approved component of the Regional Transportation Plan [RTP]. More information on the RTP is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways. When completed the widening project will add the following general purpose lanes:

- Westbound: Two lanes from the Loop 101 to McClintock Drive; One lane from McClintock Drive to Scottsdale Road
- Eastbound: One lane from the SR 51 to Scottsdale Road; Two lanes from Scottsdale Road to the Loop 101



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AFTER



BEFORE

ABATEMENT

Over the past three years, the number of abatement hearings has more than tripled. In 2005, only 9 hearings were necessary for properties that could not be brought into compliance either voluntarily or through the court process. In the first six months of 2008, the Hearing Officer has heard 22 abatement cases and 5 emergency abatements have taken place for properties that owners have not brought into compliance or that have been abandoned.

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AWARD WINNING

Winning 3 out of 5 categories, the following employees and Tempe projects will be recognized at the **AZ National Association of Housing + Redevelopment Officials [NAHRO]** summer conference in Phoenix on July 15th: *Employee of the Year* -- **Theresa James** - for demonstrating excellence in the performance of duties, performing duties with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism, demonstrating courtesy, concern, responsiveness, and dedication both within and outside the industry. *Innovative Program of the Year* -- **City of Tempe Community Development Department Rio Salado Marketplace** - for the innovative use of programs in areas of direct client and resident services; economic impact; innovative use of funds with other partners to create community development and/or administrative methods. *In Appreciation* -- **Terri Amabisca** - for demonstrating excellence as an advocate of housing programs by providing consistent support of housing activities, and developing and promoting financial, political and community support of housing. Congratulations to all for your well-deserved recognition!

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